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1. Legislative Counsel accompanied by [] again discussed with Congressman Busbey the photostat of the Form 57 of [] [] indicated to the Congressman the newspaper contacts we had had in this case arising over the charges in Signal Corps Intelligence. Mr. Pforzheimer then pointed out to Congressman Busbey that when an applicant applies to CIA we do not know whether his ultimate employment will be overt or covert and we therefore must automatically classify the file; in addition to which employees are often transferred from overt to covert status and therefore we do not wish to have photostats of their Form 57 floating around. For these reasons, among others, the personnel files must be classified and I requested Mr. Busbey to respect our wishes and reasons in this connection. This he finally agreed to. We pointed out to him that we had [] form with us and had no compunctions to him looking at it, making any notes he saw fit. Busbey stated that he planned to make personal investigations into certain aspects of [] background, and that he did not want to be put in a position of CIA charging him with bad faith, if he subsequently discussed [] publicly from his own information. We agreed that we had no intention of charging Busbey with bad faith other than he be guided by his own conscience in the use he made. We then left the Form 57 with the Congressman to study while we remained in his outer office and after studying the form for about 20 minutes the Congressman then returned the form to us. During the entire meeting with Congressman Busbey, his assistant, Mrs. Graham, was present.

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